

Spring Street Link

November 28, 2016

I hope your Thanksgiving was relaxing and enjoyable. Over the next few weeks the Spring Street School community will be focusing on a number of community service projects including the Spring Street School Giving Tree and Coats for Kids.

Working with St. Anne's Human Services in Shrewsbury, SSS families will be able to help many needy families in Shrewsbury by providing holiday gifts, grocery/gas gift cards, or make a donation towards heat/electricity for families who are experiencing financial difficulties. Our Giving Tree has lots of tags with requests from families in need. Information on how families can participate is attached. St. Anne's Human Services is non-denominational and provides services to families regardless of their religious affiliation.

Information about our other community service project, Coats for Kids, is also attached. Families are welcome to send in gently used, good quality winter coats for children (or adults) in need. In conjunction with Jordan's Furniture, donated coats will be cleaned and then distributed by local social service agencies. Our Coats for Kids collection runs through the week of December 12th.

This Friday Evening! Winter Craft Night - Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Just a reminder that Winter Craft Night will take place this Friday, December 2nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of creating unique crafts perfect for gift giving during the holiday season! Crafts will be for all ages, and if there is not enough time on the night, there are a number of craft kits available to take home to complete. Pre-ordered tickets will go home in the Monday folders, but tickets will also be available the night of the event too. Any questions please email Jenny Ghidella at jghidella@townisp.com.

There will be pizza, snacks and deserts available at the craft night. **Please** sign up to help with baked goods or volunteer your time at this link:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0548AAA92AA57-baked3

Scrip Orders -November 29th, 2016

The next Scrip order is going to be placed on Tuesday, 29th November 2016 (delivered December 5th). The Scrip program is a wonderful way to help the school with fundraising without spending anything more than you would normally on groceries, fuel, and entertainment. Gift Cards are available for national and local retail chains like Home Depot, Target, Stop & Shop, Papa Gino Pizza and more. Please consider purchasing Gift Cards through the Spring St PTO Scrip Program this Holiday season. All gift cards purchased will go home in the following weeks Monday folder with your child. For more information go to www.shopwithscrip.com or email springstscrip@gmail.com or jghidella@townisp.com.

Next Holiday Order Dates: December 6th (delivered December 12th) and December 13th (delivered December 19th)

Parent Drop-Off Reminder

As a reminder, please have your child exit your car on the school side of the driveway. Please

wait until you are in close proximity to the drop-off sign before allowing children out of the car. Thank you for keeping our students' safety a priority.

From previous links:

Dine Out Day at 2-Ovens on Tues. Dec 6th

Hope you can join your Spring Street friends on our first early release day Tuesday, December 6th at 2Ovens for our next dining fundraiser. Bring the family out for lunch, take a night off from cooking or order for pick up and 2Ovens will donate 15% of your purchase to our PTO! Just print out the attached flyer and present it to your server!

Kids' Night Out! Mark your Calendars for December 3rd

A fun night for kids hosted by Student Council! Part of Shrewsbury High School will be open to children ages 5-12 to play games, watch movies, do arts and crafts, grab dinner and more. SHS students are volunteering as "Big Brothers and Sisters" for the evening, running the event on December 3rd from 6-9pm. The cost is \$20 per child with discounts for multi-child families. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will also be available for purchase. Adult supervision by SHS staff members and a licensed school nurse will be provided. Pre-register at: <http://tinyurl.com/SHSkidsnightout> Maximum capacity is 200 children. Registration at the door is available pending maximum capacity has not been reached. Entrance to the event will be at the Gym entrance of Shrewsbury High School. Registration/admittance will open [at 5:45pm](#). Funds raised at KNO support Student Council and the Excelsior. Please contact Becky Moisan (rmoisan@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) with questions.

Ski/Snowboard Lessons at Ski Ward

Thinking of registering your child for ski or snowboard lessons this year at Ski Ward? Ski Ward has offered to donate 5% of the proceeds of the lessons it gives to Spring Street School students to the Spring Street School PTO. Attached is the lesson information. If you decide to have your child take lessons at Ski Ward, all you need to do is select Spring Street School as an affiliation and the PTO will receive 5% of the lesson money back at the end of the winter season. A great way to support a local business and your PTO at the same time!

Kindergarten 2017-2018

If you have a child that will be eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2017 (must be 5 years old by August 31, 2017), please send an email to Diane Abbott, our Registrar with your child's information so she can check that your child is on the incoming kindergarten database. Her email address is dabbott@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us
Information required:

Student First Name
Student Last Name
Date of Birth
Gender
Address
Phone Number
Parent's Name
Parent's Email Address

Name of preschool child is attending (if applicable)

For more information, please visit our website: <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov>, click on Student Registration, click on Kindergarten Information 2017-2018.

Volunteering Requirement-CORI Checks

Anyone volunteering at our school must participate in the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check before volunteering. Volunteering includes classroom volunteering, field trips, field day, etc. Once a CORI check has been completed, your 'CORI' is valid for 3 years. CORI checks are applicable to any volunteering in the Shrewsbury Public Schools. Unfortunately, CORIs completed elsewhere are not valid for Shrewsbury Public Schools. This link can be used to access the form. Please return the completed form in person to Mrs. Judith Adair, our secretary, with your license for the CORI to begin being processed. Please allow for at least 2 weeks for CORI checks to be completed before participating in any volunteer activities at our school. Volunteers without a completed and processed CORI will be unable to volunteer until the process is complete. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/documents/coriform.pdf>

Important Dates

Friday, December 2, Winter Craft Night, 6-8:00pm

Tuesday, December 6, Early-Release Day, 12:15 Dismissal, Professional Development

December 6, 2 Ovens Pizza Dine Out Fundraiser

December 26-January 2, December Vacation

January 11, Dine Out Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School

Tuesday, January 17, PTO Meeting, 7:00-8:00pm

Thursday, January 19, Grade 4 Chorus Concert, 7:00pm

Thursday, January 19, Sky Zone Night

Friday, February 3, Movie Night at SSS, 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 7, Early-Release Day, 12:15 Dismissal, Professional Development

February 20-24, President's Day/Winter Vacation

Have a good week.

Bryan Mabie